

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day

- Set aside to recall
 - Freedom we enjoy and its cost
 - Sacrifice of many for others
 - God has worked in our past
 - God is still at work in our future
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- A single red poppy flower is in sharp focus, positioned slightly to the right of the center. Its petals are a vibrant red with some darker veining. The background is a soft, out-of-focus field of many other poppies, creating a sense of a large field. The overall lighting is soft, and the colors are muted in the background, making the red flower stand out.

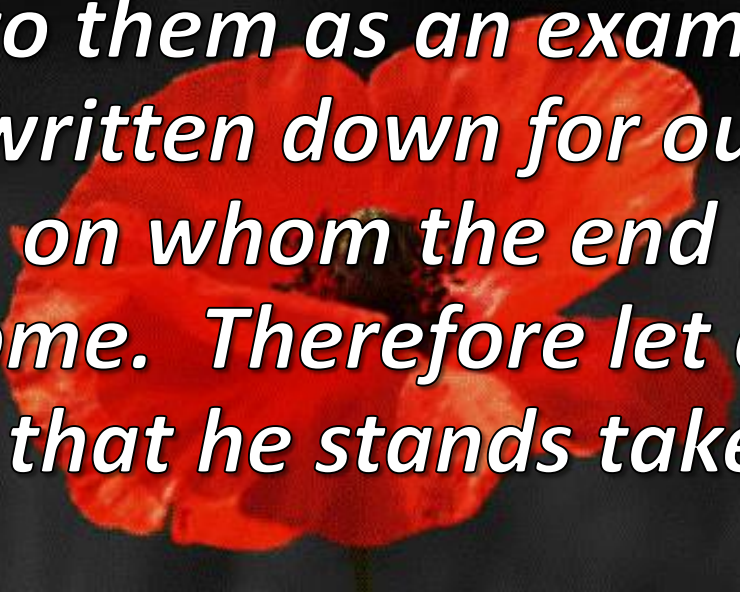
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1. Warnings for the Human Condition

- George Santayana “those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it”
- James 1:24 *“For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.”*

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- 1 Cor 10:11-12 *“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”*



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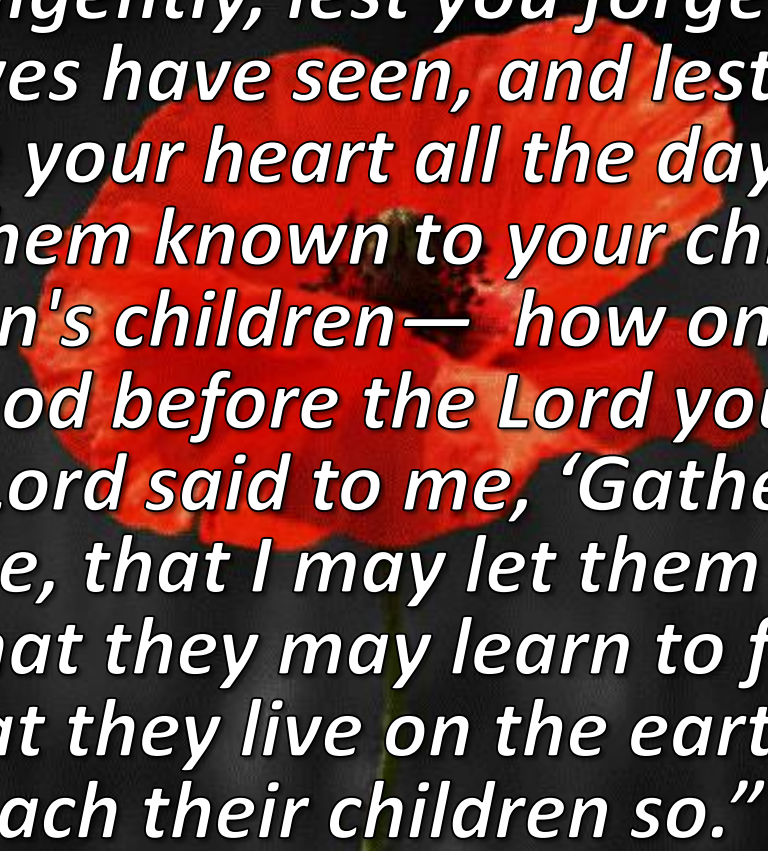
2. Exhorted to Remember

- 2 Peter 3:1-2 *"This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles"*

Deut. 6:12 *"then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*

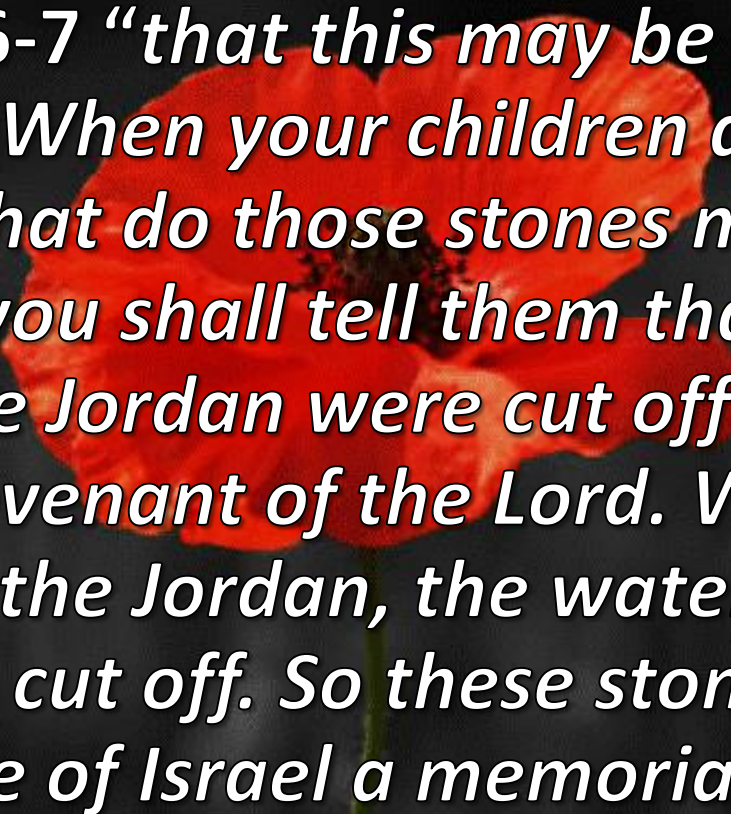
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- Deut. 4:9-10 *“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”*



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3. Markers and Monuments



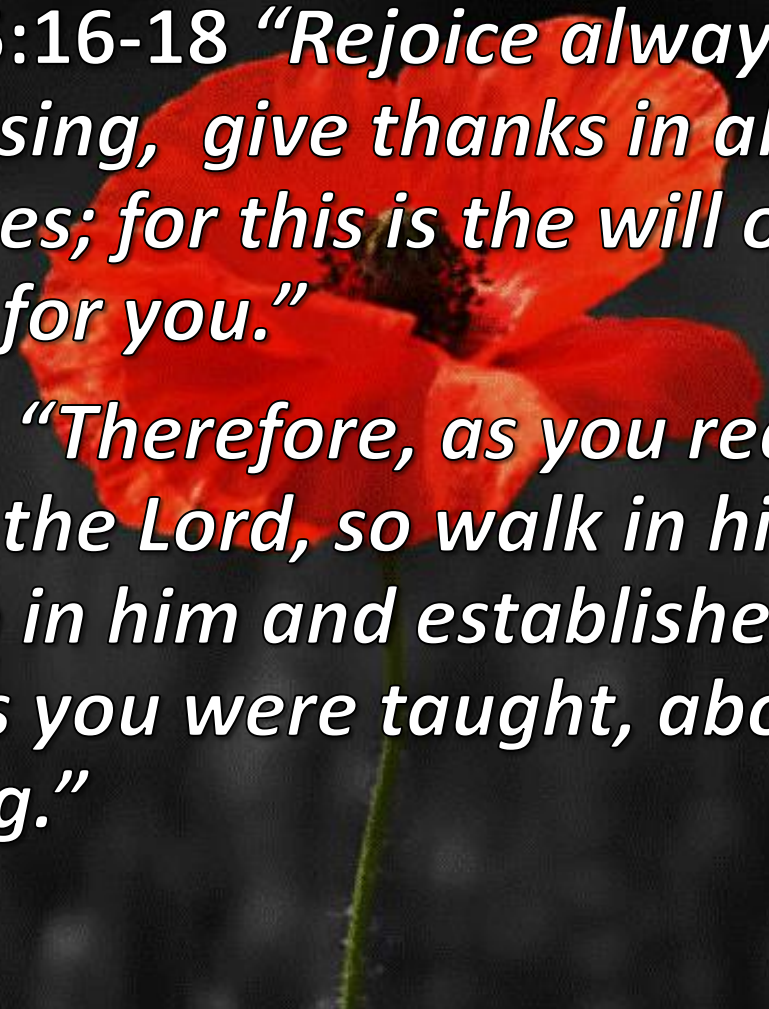
- Joshua 4:6-7 *“that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”*

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4. Growth in Gratitude

- 1 Thess. 5:16-18 *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

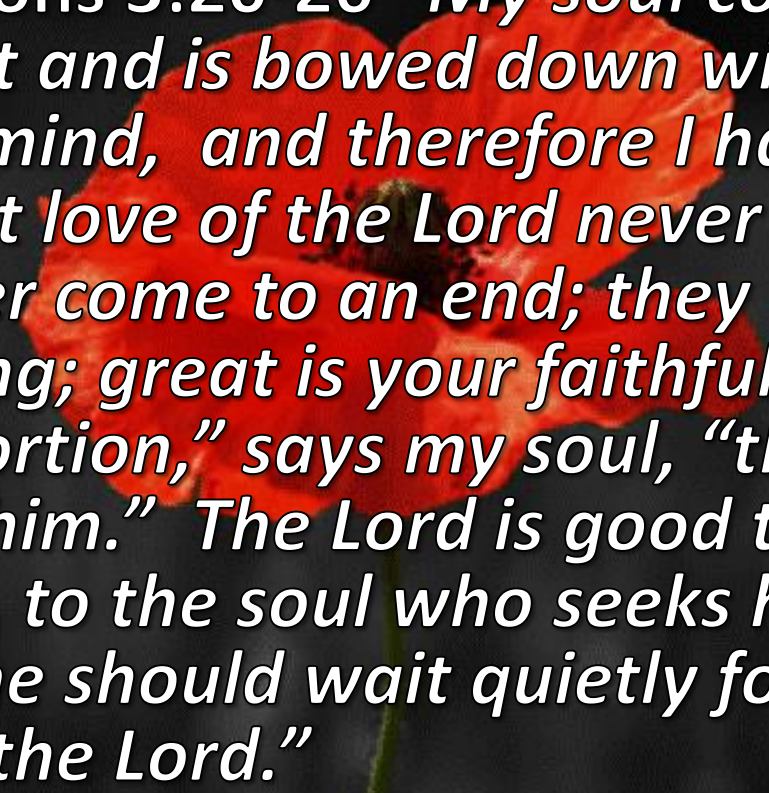
- Col. 2:6-7 *“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”*



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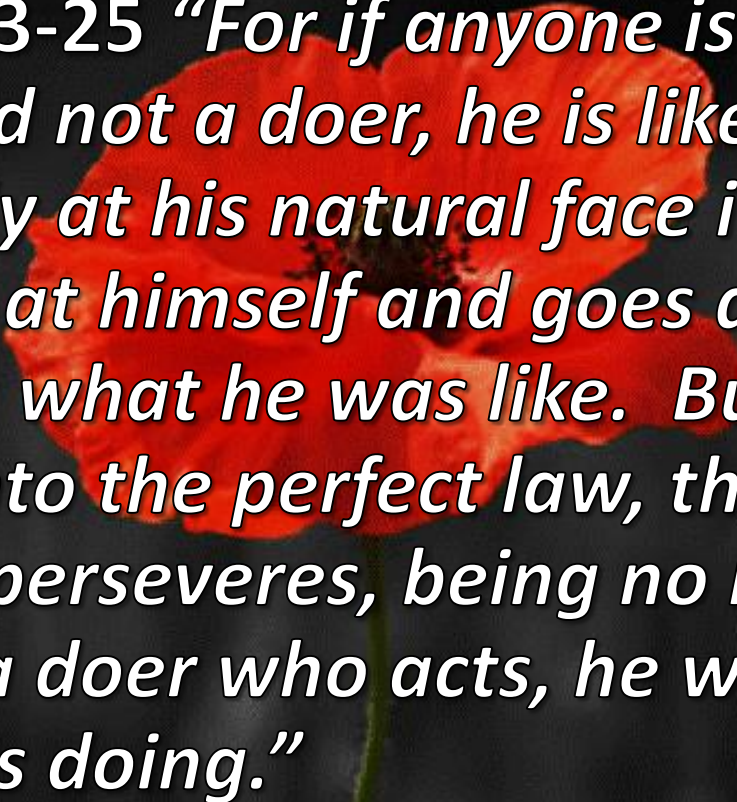
5. Renew Perspective

- Lamentations 3:20-26 *“My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”*



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6. Respond in Action



- James 1:23-25 *“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”*

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So What?

1. Be Aware – prone to forget
 2. Biblical Call – remember, recall God's work and word
 3. Choose Markers and Monuments
 4. Use them to Grow in Gratitude
 5. Renew your perspective on today
 6. Respond to God - act
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